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Scott Riedman Appointed Waterfront Director

On November 15th, City Council approved City Administrator Jim Armstrong's recommendation to appoint Scott Riedman as the new Waterfront Director.

A familiar face around the Harbor, Scott worked as Waterfront Business Manager for 10 years under the stewardship of John Bridley, former Waterfront Director, who retired July 1st. Scott has worked as Interim Waterfront Director since Mr. Bridley's departure, pending the outcome of a nationwide recruitment to select a new director.

"I'm deeply honored to have been appointed to this position," Mr. Riedman said. "This job will give me an even greater opportunity to work with business owners, liveaboards, fishermen, sailors, recreational boaters—constituents who make up this rich waterfront community. And, to oversee such a great staff adds to the privilege." Mr. Riedman said his background as Business Manager will help him keep the Department's budget balanced, a mission he describes as "one of the highest priorities of local government."

Scott lives on the Mesa with his wife Shelli. He enjoys fishing and diving at the Channel Islands among various other outdoor activities.

Marina One Replacement Project: Building on Lessons Learned

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

Lessons learned during Phases 1 and 2 of the Marina One Replacement Project were put to good use during the Phase 3 replacement of "N" finger. Bellingham Marine Industries proved a model of efficiency, demolishing and replacing docks for four dozen 30' slips in less than six weeks. New utilities, dock boxes, power centers and fire-hose cabinets are part of this state-of-the-art docking system. Each vessel on "N" finger was reassigned to another harbor slip during construction, limiting berthing for visiting vessels but eliminating the need for slip holders to relocate their boats to harbors 25 miles away.

The Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) provided a \$5.5 million loan for the construction of Phases 1 through 3, and recently approved another \$1.7 million loan for the construction of Phase 4—replacement of "L" and "M" fingers, scheduled for next year. With the dry dock's recent departure, some of the demolished docks from "M" finger will be used to extend "F" finger. That will add eight 35' slips to "F" finger, providing long-awaited berthing for folks on the Department's slip waiting list. Eventually, these used docks will be replaced as part of Phase 7, which includes complete replacement of "F" finger. That project is tentatively scheduled for 2017.



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City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to noon
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Business Office: 564-5531
Harbor Patrol: 564-5530
Maintenance: 564-5522
Parking Services: 564-5523
Office Fax: 560-7580

(805) local area code



Vessel Celebration Begins Coastal Cruises

Patrick Henry, Property Management Specialist

In June, City Council awarded a lease to Santa Barbara Water Taxi, LLC (owners of *Lil' Toot*) to operate a coastal-cruise vessel from Stearns Wharf. Their new vessel *Celebration* is a 64' motor yacht that accommodates up to 42 passengers and features smoke machines, disco balls, an onboard DJ and bar. Charter your next birthday party, coastal cruise or special event by contacting Captain Fred or Kathy Hershman at 896-6900.

Office Space for Lease

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The Department is currently advertising office space for lease at 132-B Harbor Way, located on the second floor above West Marine. The

leasable area is approximately 734 square feet and consists of five offices, each approximately 100 square feet. The offices are located on the west side of the building, providing ocean and sunset views.

The Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on September 28th. The current tenant may continue leasing the space on a month to month basis until the RFP process is complete. In selecting a new tenant for the space, priority will be given to ocean-related uses per Municipal Code Section 28.70.030 and the Harbor Master Plan. A food facility will not be considered. If you are interested, please do not disturb the existing tenant. Instead, contact Patrick Henry, Property Management Specialist, at 897-1961 for more information or an RFP packet.



Parking Supervisor Diana Palmer Retires

After 25 years of City service, Parking Supervisor Diana Palmer will retire on December 21st. Diana's City career began in 1986 as an employee of the Finance Department. By 1988, she was working at the Waterfront, where she became the Parking Supervisor in 1991. Over the years, Diana has incorporated new policies and procedures to streamline parking operations, making customer service her top priority.

Besides supervising two Assistant Parking Coordinators, during peak summer months, Diana supervised up to 60 hourly employees, most of them youths. Throughout her career she has remained dedicated to mentoring young employees, teaching them skills and qualities necessary to achieve their career goals.



We wish Diana a long, enjoyable retirement, pursuing interests that include family, travel, theatre and music. If you see Diana before she departs, please join us in thanking her for 25 years of service. She will be missed.



Conway Family Opens Deep Sea Wine Tasting Room on Stearns Wharf

We are proud to announce the grand opening of Deep Sea Wine Tasting Room, the beautifully remodeled wine tasting facility on Stearns Wharf, formerly known as Stearns Wharf Vintners. Under new ownership (the Conway family) Deep Sea Wine Tasting Room is located on the 2nd floor above Old Wharf Trading Company and Nature's Own Shells. Open seven days a week from noon to 8 p.m., the facility is also available for private events and receptions.

The Conway family hails from Santa Barbara and brings their Deep Sea brand from Rancho Arroyo Grande. Please welcome them by stopping in and savoring one of their delectable flights of wine—there are three to choose from. You will appreciate coastal views from both inside their tasting room and from the balcony. Visitors will return home with great memories and most likely a bottle or two of delicious wines. Deep Sea Wine Tasting Room even offers a wine club!

WASH Laundry Facility Improvements

The WASH Laundry Company has installed a significant improvement to Santa Barbara Harbor's laundry facility. The new service is called "Wave Rider." It allows the use of a credit or debit card (VISA/MC™ only) at each washing machine or dryer. You can even check the status of your laundry (washer or dryer) by visiting their website: www.washview.com.

If you still have money on your old WEB card, you may stop by the Harbormaster's Office and request a refund kit. The refund deadline has been extended to Friday, December 16th.



ECCO Wireless Brings Wi-Fi to the Harbor

A new internet service is now available for marina slipholders and harbor visitors providing Wi-Fi as an alternative for broadband internet service. There are several prepaid plans from which to choose, ranging from one day up to a year. Sign up for ECCO Wireless in four easy steps:

Step 1 Go to your wireless connection and select an Access Point (Ecco WiFi #####)

Step 2 Open your Internet Explorer, Safari or Google Chrome. You will then be redirected to a login page for Ecco. Select "New Account."

Step 3 At the sign-up page, select the service plan term you want, fill in the credit card information, create your unique username and password (write it down), and select "Sign up!"

Step 4 Select your "Home Page" and that's it.

Some common factors that can affect users' devices include: their own computer, antennae, the driver used, the type of wireless card and distance to an Access Point. Performance is typically better on deck versus below deck (higher is always better but avoid climbing the mast). For support, please call 866-482-3666.

Wireless Internet

by



Ecco Wireless

Man Overboard

Capt. Steve McCullough, Harbor Patrol Supervisor

Each year, falling overboard and capsizing cause injury and death to boaters nationwide. Prevalent among small sailboats, kayaks and canoes, these accidents highlight another reason why life jackets should be worn at all times.

Falling overboard can result from inattention, sea conditions, urinating or vomiting over the side, intoxication, slip and falls or impacts from shifting sails, lines or booms. In short, it's easier to fall overboard than you may think.

If a crewmember falls overboard:

1. Shout "man overboard" to alert crew or nearby vessels;
2. Slow, stop and throw life-rings or other floating objects. This will not only provide flotation, but mark their location;
3. Press the "MOB" (man overboard) button, if you have one on an electronic navigation device, to mark the location;
4. Keep your eyes on the person or assign another to continuously point at the victim;
5. Maneuver your vessel carefully to a position to recover the victim. Keep propellers away from victim and never lose eye contact;
6. Throw a heaving line to pull the victim to the boat; and
7. Call "Mayday" on VHF Channel 16 if you are unable to quickly recover the victim.

If you capsize or fall overboard:

1. Stay with the boat. It can provide flotation and assist rescuers as they can see a boat more easily than a person in the water; and
2. Reduce heat loss; minimize movement, secure clothing to reduce flushing and face away from wind and seas.

If you operate alone or at night:

1. Wear a life jacket with reflective tape at all times. Attach a strobe light, personal EBIRB, handheld flares and whistle; and
2. Wear a harness and tether adjusted to fit.

Plan ahead, conduct MOB drills, keep safety equipment close at hand, always have one hand holding the boat when moving about the vessel and consider how you would handle emergency situations. With these tips in mind, we wish you continued safe boating.



Unauthorized Access to Marinas and Restrooms

Capt. Steve McCullough, Harbor Patrol Supervisor

Walking to the marina with groceries and duffle in hand, you're met by two young men loitering at the gate. Waiving your fob at the key-pad, the gate unlocks and you pass through. The two men walk in behind you. You're thinking, hmmm—Who are these guys? Will they pillage the S/V *Martha's Dream*, party on the M/V *Navigator*, or take the T/T *Island Girl* on a joy ride? What to do? I left my cell phone in the car. I know. I'll call Harbor Patrol from my boat's VHF radio!

In this situation you have several options:


- Strike up a conversation, asking: "Do you have a boat in the marina? Are you meeting someone? Can I help you find them?"
- If you're uncomfortable with their answers or something just doesn't seem right, get a good description of the individuals and try to watch where they go.
- Call Harbor Patrol and describe the subjects as best you can. Note clothing type and color, height, build, hair length and color, or anything else that catches your eye. An officer will respond, identify the subjects, guide them to their destination or escort them out of the marina (with a citation for unauthorized entry, if warranted).

Remember, access to the marinas is for slip permittees and their invited guests. When inviting guests to your boat, set a time or have them call to meet you at the gate when they arrive. (This is a good way to avoid the discussion during your evening sail about how they were questioned by Harbor Patrol.)

Most important, don't hold marina gates or restroom doors open for strangers. You don't know them or their intentions. It may feel awkward to let the gate or door close, but that beats the possibility of wrongdoing by unauthorized entrants.

Harbor Patrol monitors VHF channel 16 and 12 around the clock. They can be reached on patrol (foot, vehicle or boat) by the 911 dispatcher. Harbor Patrol's business office number is 564-5530. Don't hesitate to call.

City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department
132-A Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

To: 



Waterfront Parking Permits

Annual Waterfront parking permits went on sale December 1st. General permits cost \$95 and slipholder permits (one per slip) cost \$70. Permits are valid from the date of purchase through December 31, 2012. The Waterfront Department encourages residents and slipholders to purchase the 2012 permits early for a full year of economical parking. General permits are available at the Harbormaster's Office and all parking kiosks except Stearns Wharf. Slipholder permits may only be purchased at the Harbormaster's Office. For more information, call 897-1965.



26th Annual Parade of Lights

The 26th Annual Parade of Lights will take place Sunday, December 11th, with a theme of "Candy Cane Holidays." Festivities begin at 3 p.m. with a Santa's Village featuring Santa himself, snow, and holiday music at the City Pier in the harbor. At 5:30 p.m., Deep Sea Wine Tasting Room will host a judging party on Stearns Wharf while thousands of spectators cheer on the boats. A short fireworks display will follow the parade, followed by an awards ceremony at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. A list of winners will be posted online at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/ParadeOfLights.

Stearns Wharf Christmas Tree

For the fourth consecutive year, the Stearns Wharf Business Association purchased a 25-foot White Fir tree for display on the Wharf. The City is coordinating with Oliver Holt Christmas Trees for delivery and installation. The tree will be on display until the first week of January.

2012 Event Schedule

May 5	Harbor Clean Sweep
May 12	Harbor Swap Meet
May 12	Hazmat Turn-In Day
July 4	Independence Day
October 13	Harbor & Seafood Festival
December 9	Parade of Lights

2012 Harbor Commission Meeting Schedule

January 19	July 19
February 16	August 16
March 15	September 20
April 19	October 18
May 17	November 15
June 21	December 20

Harbor Commission meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers